

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

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1. (amended) A method for controlling transmission energy of a communications station, comprising:

- determining a characteristic of a propagation path between said communication station and a second communication station;
- adjusting said transmission energy of said communication[s] station in accordance with a power control step size corresponding to said characteristic of the propagation path;
- receiving closed loop power control commands at said communication station; and
- subsequently modifying said adjusted transmission energy of said communications station in accordance with said closed loop power control commands.

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2. (amended) An apparatus for controlling transmission energy of a communication[s] station, comprising:

- a receiver configured to receive a characteristic of a propagation path between said communication device and a second communication station and to receive closed loop power control commands from the second communication station; and
- a processor configured to adjust the transmission energy of said communication[s] station in accordance with a step size corresponding to said characteristic and to modify the adjusted transmission energy in accordance with said closed loop power control commands.

3. (amended) A method for reducing delay associated with generating and processing a signal indicative of a characteristic of a propagation path between a communication station and a second communication station, comprising:

- transmitting the signal indicative of the characteristic to the communication station along with power adjustment requests from the second communication station;
- receiving the signal and the power adjustment requests at the communication[s] station;
- setting a transmission power level at the communication[s] station in accordance with the received signal for a predetermined time period;

B1 modifying the adjusted transmission power level in accordance with the power adjustment requests.

Please add the following new claims:

5. (new) A method at a communication station for controlling transmission energy, comprising:

determining a characteristic of a propagation path between said communication station and a second communication station;

adjusting said transmission energy of said communication station in accordance with a power control step size corresponding to said characteristic of the propagation path;

receiving closed loop power control commands at said communication station; and

subsequently modifying said adjusted transmission energy of said communication station in accordance with said closed loop power control commands.

6. (new) An apparatus for controlling transmission energy of a communication station, comprising:

a receiver configured to receive closed loop power control commands from a second communication station; and

a processor configured to distinguish a characteristic of a propagation path based upon an arrival pattern of received closed loop power control commands, to adjust the transmission energy of said communication station in accordance with a step size corresponding to said characteristic, and to subsequently modify the adjusted transmission energy in accordance with newly arrived closed loop power control commands.
